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The article in this issue on The Spurgeon Centennial was written by Rev. A. Cunningham-Burley, who married a granddaughter of C. H. Spurgeon, and is an honored pastor in London. He is the best qualified man living to write on this subject.

We begin this week a series of articles on Raising The Standard of Church Membership. Surely it is needed today. Read, think, pray, purpose to live the Christian life, and pass these articles on to others.

Dr. E. K. Cox of Gloster is to bring one of the "Inspirational Messages" at the Southern Baptist Convention in Fort Worth. He speaks Thursday afternoon on "Can We Have a Spiritual Revival in the Twentieth Century?" Another of the inspirational messages will be brought by Dr. D. I. Purser, formerly pastor at Tupelo, now of Charleston, S. C.

At the Conference recently held at the Louisville Seminary Mr. J. N. Barnette of the Sunday School Board discussed the function of the District Association. It is a subject that needs thorough and sane treatment. The association is or may be one of the mightiest agencies for the furtherance of ail our denominational work. The sum of the people who attend these meetings is far larger than those attending any state convention, or the Southern Baptist Convention. Here is one of the greatest opportunities, one of the most potential agencies of Southern Baplists. Here the Baptist yeomanry assemble. Here the people are sympathetic and impressionable. Here the missionary and educational ideals of our people are formed. There is a feeling that the associations could do more than they are doing; that they ought to function twelve months in the year. Mr. Barnette said the threefold purpose of the district association is fellowship, conference and cooperative service. The subject was discussed by others under these heads, (1) the purpose of the district association, (2) the organization needed, (3) the organization functioning to carry out the purpose, and (4) the relation of the association to other bodies. We hope the brethren who have something to say on this subject will write it out for the Record.

\$100.00 was contributed by the recent Convention in Jackson to send brother and sister Strother back to their field in China.

T. W. Gayer offered his resignation as pastor at Pineville, La., but withdrew it at the request of the church.

We shall publish as soon as practicable the program of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is different this year from the usual and well suited to our present needs.

We have had changeable weather lately. And the make-up man of the Record has tried to keep up with it. Last week the date on the first page of the paper was March 29. The date on the second page was April 29. That is getting ahead.

It is said that publishers paid \$15.00 a word for the manuscript of Charles Dickens Life of Christ which is now being published serially in some of the daily papers. It was written by the great novelist many years ago for his children without expectation of its being published. It is said that the publishing of this manuscript is also greatly stimulating the sales and reading of Charles Dickens' books. They are certainly to be preferred to most modern works of fiction.

Prayer was offered at the recent Convention in Jackson for the recovery of Dr. J. W. Mayfield of McComb and Rev. R. B. Patterson of Calhoun City. Both are improving. Brother Mayfield has been seriously ill at the hospital in McComb, but is now getting stronger, though it may be two or three weeks before he is well enough to take up his work. Brother Patterson was operated on for apendicitis at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis and is making a good recovery. Another of our pastors, brother W. C. Howard of Forest, is pulling up from an attack of measles.

Dr. A. T. Robertson has written many books, all of them good, but we doubt if there is one of them that will find a larger or more hearty popular response than one just now from his pen and published by Fleming H. Revell. It is we believe his first published book of sermons. The title is "Passing On The Torch", the subject of one of the 20 sermons. If preaching is the forceful portraying of the scripture, this is preaching of a high type. They teach and inspire. They feed and furnish fuel for power. One of them is a special sermon to preachers, "Your Picture of Christ." The texts are taken from Paul, John, Peter, Mark, Matthew, Luke, in the New Testament, and from several books of the Old Testament. This book ought to have a wide reading and it will.

a good letter which we should be glad to publish but he forbids us. However we judge that he will not object to this much of information from it. He expressed a strong desire for a question and answer department in The Record. If others feel the need of this we shall be glad to make an effort to secure it. Personally we believe it can be made very helpful. However some of our papers have tried it and gave it up, because people were not sufficiently concerned to send in questions which would justify the department.

Somebody has figured it out that every man, woman and child in America owes on the average \$2,000, which means probably that those in debt owe \$4,000 each.



G. C. HODGE, Pastor First Church, Biloxi

Dr. G. T. Waite, Mission Secretary in Virginia, has recently written two thoughtful, thought-provoking and heart-searching articles in the Religious Herald to and about churches calling or not calling a pastor. The first dealt with the failure to call because of financial depression. The other dealt with the tendency of churches to call only young men. These articles are so wholesome that we wish all our people could read them. As we cannot reproduce them in the Record, we wish our people would seriously study out these matters for themselves. Dr. Waite believes that a great wrong is being done the preachers and a great injury done the churches. The time has come for our churches and preachers to seek the Lord earnestly about this matter of making and changing pastoral

On April 12 there will be a meeting in the Robt. E. Lee Hotel in Jackson, of those interested in the formation of a Prohibition Party in Mississippi. We are in thorough sympathy with the aim of these people to promote temperance and to foster prohibition legislation. We do not know whether or not this can be done through an organized political party. We are willing to learn, indeed anxious to know all we can about this matter and expect to attend this meeting for this reason, and to show our sympathy with their objectives. The difficulty with temperance and prohibition today is the lack of unity in organization. There are many agencies at work in this field, all of them sincere and earnest in their aims. But up to this time they have failed to find a way of cooperating and coordinating their efforts. Anything which will weld together all the friends of temperance and unite their efforts at securing proper legislation will deserve the support of our people. Eventually some agency will appear which can do this. May the Lord speed the day. In the meantime the cause is suffering and the enemies of righteousness are defiant. Let us all sincerely pray and work for such a revival of religion as will clear the way for this and every needed moral reform.



PRESIDENT W. E. HOLCOMB

AFTER TWO YEARS—SUMMARY AND PROPHECY

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This statement will commemorate the second anniversary of my present affiliation with Mississippi Woman's College. I am attempting a practical presentation for the information and encouragement of those who do not have ready access to the details given.

Mississippi Woman's College enjoys the distinction of being one of three standard colleges for women in the State of Mississippi and was the first denominational college for women in the State to achieve such recognition. Since 1926 we have held full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. We offer the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees with the privilege of majoring in either Piano, Voice, Violin, or Music Education for the Bachelor of Music degree.

This type of work is made possible by the cooperation of an excellent group of instructors. Of the fourteen officers of instruction in academic work eight hold masters degrees and three hold doctors degrees. The sacrificial service rendered by these ladies and gentlemen during the trying times of depression makes a wonderful story and constitutes a challenge to our denomination. Our Fine Arts faculty members fully qualify for the same commendation.

Participation in religious work, as covered in another article of this issue, is altogether voluntary and is under the general direction of the President of the College and Student Secretary. Our Baptist Student Union was the first in the South last year and this to attain First Magnitude recognition. All boarding students were professed Christians at the close of last session and all but five Baptist students had placed their membership in Hattiesburg churches. Students of other denominations are given the privilege of affiliating with and attending their respective churches for morning services.

The trustees of Mississippi Woman's College reported at the Baptist State Convention in session at Columbus approximately two years ago obligations of \$30,000 and were authorized to borrow this amount subject to repayment from current income. The College Administration is committed to two definite financial

policies. First, the retirement of existing obligations; and second, operation within the annual budget recommended to and passed by the State Convention, or its authorized agent. During the current year a second \$1,000 has been applied on the College's bonded debt and \$870.00 paid for interest—each payment being made exactly on the due date of such obligation. We have kept both the letter and the spirit of our commitments. We again express the opinion that the problem of our denominational colleges is a problem of students rather than dollars.

Our present enrollment of 238 for this session, not including summer school, is almost exactly 25% above the corresponding date last year. It is our conviction that such substantial growth can be maintained and that gradual recovery to capacity will be both healthful and abiding.

Faithfully yours, W. E. Holcomb, President.

OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

In a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi Woman's College on Friday, March 30, the matter of greatest concern was the recent loss of the Dining Hall by the fire which occurred on the morning of March 18.

The gravity of the situation was appreciated by all and the feeling was expressed that possibly the major crisis in the life of the institution confronted us. In confidence and faith—yet in humility—it was unanimously agreed that the only proper gesture would be a forward movement which the trustees feel is justified from every viewpoint. In addition to replacing the Dining Hall prior to next session, it was therefore determined that we commit ourselves to the earliest possible erection of another dormitory unit that will accommodate at least 50 additional students.

In such decision we are confident that the trustees of Mississippi Woman's College will have the loyal cooperation to which we earnestly believe this great institution is entitled.

Very sincerely yours,

G. M. McWilliams, Chairman, Finance Committee, Mississippi Woman's College Trustees.

THE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES, MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE

The Religions Activities of Woman's College are under the auspices of the Baptist Student Union. The purpose of the B. S. U. and the sole reason for its existance is to tie the College and the Church and to prevent the student from neglecting the spiritual side of her college life.

The College girls go to Sunday school in Immanuel Baptist Church. They make up the Young People's Department with the exception of one class of young men. We have as superintendent Miss Ruth Latimer of Biloxi, Miss. A very beautiful series of programs was brought to an end on March 25th with the Sunday school's offering to Missions and the presentation of a playlet "Love Leads the Way."

The B. Y. P. U.'s all meet on the campus under the direction of Miss Virginia Cooper of Tylertown, Miss. There are four active unionsthe J. L. Johnson, the A. L. O'Briant, the Winnie D. Bennett, and the Tully McCrea. Good work has been and is being done in training our students in every phase of church work. The B.Y. P.U. has sponsored two study courses this year -one during the first semester with Miss Cutrer, our Student Secretary, Mrs. N. L. Roberts, wife of our Professor of Bible, and Mr. Holcomb, our President, leading. The other was held the first week in February. We had with us then Mrs. R. E. Morgan of First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mr. Harrell of Nashville, and our own Mr. Wilds. It was a great pleasure to have these -our friends-on the campus with us, and a greater treat to be in their classes.

In connection with our B. Y. P. U. work we have the Methodist girls in their Epworth League. They have as their President, Miss Henryetta Keys of Brookhaven, Mississippi. The League is very active, in fact it is often true that when the grades go to the general B. Y. P.U. Secretary the League's grade runs highest.

We are trying a new plan in Y. W. A. this year and it is working fine. In addition to the two meetings each month for the whole Y. W. A. we have four circles which meet every fourth Monday night. They are the Sunshine Circle, the Jeanette Lawrence Circle, the Juanita Byrd Circle and the Hattie Circle. We find that circles working through the small group plan draws us closer together and at the same time uses more of the girls.

The Inner Circle of our Religious Activities is found in the Life Service Band. It is made up of those girls who have determined in their hearts regardless of time, place or occupation to be a "Christian First" and to give their lives to be used in the service of the Master. It is in this Band, small though it is, that the sweetest moments come. It seems that the Master comes a little bit closer to the girls as they meet on Sunday afternoon between 2:30 and 3:30 o'clock. This group is led by Miss Annie Grimes of Carthage, Miss.

From the B. S. U. Council we have our Devotional Leader, Miss Velma Beachman of McComb, Miss. Each evening after supper we have a vesper service. In the spring it is hardly dark at 6:30 and in the dimming light the girls gather for meditation and prayer. Moments of quietness that are forever sacred!

Also from our B. S. U. Council we have our Extension Chairman. Every Sunday afternoon Miss Roma Fae Vinson of Seminary carries a group of girls with her to the county jail. These services are informal, often unplanned but always sincere and from the heart. They do what they can!

Behind all these who head the various organizations stands the B. S. U. Council and our Student Secretary, Miss Agnes Louise Cutrer. As we come to the close of this school year we look back and wonder what we would have done if it had not been for our "Louise." She just came to us last September but she is now a necessity in not only the religious activities but in every activity on the campus. Together we

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"I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." Psalms 16:8.

Adelle Martin, President B. S. U., M. W. C.

THE OUTLOOK FOR 1934-35

-0-It has been my happy privilege for the past nine years to visit conventions, associations, churches, pastors, junior colleges, and high schools of our Stat ein behalf of some one of our denominational schools. In fact, I have been out among the brethren. I can truthfully say that a great deal more interest has been manifested toward our denominational schools, even within the past twelve months. It seems that the pastors, junior colleges, and high school superintendents are turning their eyes our way. Within the last three months I have visited quite a few pastors and churches; also fifty-two junior colleges and high schools in behalf of Mississippi Woman's College. Words can not express how much I appreciate the courtesy that has been shown me from the pastors, superintendents and senior classes. I am very much encouraged over the outlook of our enrollment for next session. We are already receiving room deposits and inquiries regarding our summer school and session of 1934-35. We are extending you an invitation to visit Mississippi Woman's College at your convenience.

Sincerely,
C. S. Moulder, Field Secretary.

RETROSPECT

I walked along a silent road
All cool and dim in twilight's haze
And let my memory return
To college days.

A shadow fell along my path
And wavered in the summer breeze.

It brought to mind the stateliness
Of tall pine trees.

Quite clearly I could see the groups
When in the quiet of fading day
Would gather in a silent room
To kneel and pray.

Somehow my heart that summer night
Was full of ecstasy and praise
To God on high for giving me
My college days.
—Sue Bell Johnson, Class '36, M. W. C.

A PROPOSED PLATFORM FOR RAISING THE STANDARD OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

It seems generally agreed that the standard of church membership, long deplorably low, has fallen distinctly lower in the last few years. The majority in the average church seem to feel no obligation to their church, and give it no support of any kind. Often the lives of members are openly scandalous, and yet their church does nothing about it. The result is a paralysis of morale and prestige, and a tragic loss of spiritual power in the community. This condition is a challenge to earnest prayer and to a radical effort at reform.

Deploring the present low standard of church membership, and earnestly seeking a way to improve it, we, the Raliegh-Central Baptist Ministers' Conference, hereby set forth the following statement of principles, on which we are in general agreement:

I. That we will seek to counteract shallow evangelism, and will insist on an evangelism that demands as evidence of conversion and as a condition of church membership, not only a profession of faith, but also a committal to a well-defined Christian life, including fellowship, worship, service, and giving.

11. That we will earnestly resist the tendency

of many evangelists, pastors and editors, to parade the number of converts and church additions as the main evidence of the success or failure of a revival or the work of a pastor.

III. That we will discourage the reception of any member until he has agreed to live according to the spirit of the church covenant and to support the church program, after these have been definitely presented to him, not only from the pulpit, but also in some more personal manner by the pastor, deacons, or others specially fitted to discuss them. It is clear that our lax reception of members has resulted in cumbering our church rolls with many who came in with no clear idea of what was expected of them, who took no definite vows, and who prove a dead weight. The situation demands a radical change in our manner of receiving members.

IV. That we pledge ourselves to more definite efforts to hold church members up to this standard of Christian living. In order to do this there appear to be five essentials:

1. Supreme emphasis on a more vital experience of God, and on the daily culture of the inner life, especially by pastors, teachers, and all others in places of leadership.

2. Pastors who are godly and fearless, and so concerned over the low state of the church as to be ready to give themselves utterly to bringing it back to the standard of Jesus.

3. Constant insistence that no deacon or other officer or teacher shall be chosen or retained in any department of the church who does not commit himself to the support of the principles as outlined in Article I, and prove loyal to them. The membership cannot be raised higher than the leaders.

4. That all possible emphasis shall be put on the constant training of such leaders, and on their obligation to train the other members and to promote their loyalty to all the church program.

5. That we zealously seek to lead our churches to follow up incipient disloyalty and backsliding with all possible efforts to reclaim the erring, but that we urge, as a last resort, the withdrawal of fellowship from any who become a reproach to the Christian name.

V. That we enter into solemn covenant with one another to stand for these principles, recognizing that the individual pastor or church is almost helpless to bring about any decided reform, and that only by a concert of action can any general improvement be effected.

WHY NOT CHANGE THE EMPHASIS FROM PREACHING TO CHARACTER BUILDING? Eldridge B. Hatcher

Southern Baptists seem to depend chiefly upon the tongue for propagating Christianity. The early disciples depended chiefly opon the contagion of Christlike personality, and I am venturing the suggestion that this fact explains the present plight of our denomination.

Are we not putting the chief emphasis in the wrong place? The New Testament seems to teach that the supreme method for spreading Christianity is not by preaching, or talking, about it, but by living it. We preachers love to stand before the public and preach the glorious gospel of our Savior. Oh, how we revel in the privilege; and well we may. It is a rapturous experience to hold up Christ before an eager multitude,—before lost men and women. But are we not in danger of exalting such public speaking to a position never intended by our Master.

I am not unmindful of the vast and marvelous triumphs accomplished during the centuries by preaching. Let no one feel that he must rush to the defense of preaching against this writer. I know that the history of preaching is radiant with heavenly experiences. Books upon books could be written about the triumphs of the pulpit. But the claim of this article is that far, far more books and richer books could be written, if the story could be told, of the spiritual triumphs won through the silent influence of Christlike lives. It was on such influence that

Christ and the apostles put their chief dependence for the upbuilding of the Christian cause; but we seem almost to be ignoring the value of such influence.

It is true that Christ sent His apostles forth to preach, but the fact that he told them that they must wait for the infilling of the Holy Spirit shows that He put the emphasis, not on talking about the gospel, but on having the right kind of personality back of the talking. It was the Spirit-filled character that counted. Dr. E. Stanley Jones says, "Imagine the early church with Pentecost eliminated. Imagine those men going out to interpret the wonderful message but themselves not corresponding inwardly with that message."

"There can be no question," says Bishop Gore, "that our Lord intended His church to make its appeal to the world mainly by the life which men saw it living."

When Peter and John spoke before the Jewish Council, it was not what they said that impressed the Council but what the Council saw in them. "When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." The apostles at first went preaching in order to announce the glad tidings and to establish churches at strategic centers in Europe and Asia, and then they seemed to expect the churches to spread the gospel mainly by Christlike living. The apostles in their letters to the churches have almost nothing to say to them about soul-winning, or extending the kingdom. Their letters are about character-building and daily living under the power, or guidance, of the Spirit. Paul tells the Thessalonians that BY THEIR EXAMPLE they had preached the gospel to the surrounding country. Here are his words, "So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything." They preached the word abroad by their daily living.

Are we not hanging the Kingdom's progress too largely upon the pulpit? We call our Sunday services "preaching" services rather than services of worship in which souls are communing with God. It is in such communion that the indwelling Spirit is set free for His work, but our preaching services give very little opportunity for such communion. The early dises came together every Lord's Day, not to hear a sermon, but that they might unite in worship and grow spiritually.

"Christianity is caught not taught" is a statement not wholly true, and yet full of suggestion. Some one has said that America is being talked to death. Whether that be true or not, it is a fact that in this day of the radio, lyceum, and uncounted publications, in addition to the oceans of sermons each week, our people are being multitudinously informed, instructed and appealed to. The supreme need is radiant, Spiritfilled personalities that will show and lead the way. Contact with such lives will unloose the powers of the other world.

Are not Southern Baptists seeking to spread Christ's kingdom chiefly by telling about it and by campaigns and machineries, and by credits and awards for stimulation purposes, rather than by putting the supreme, never-ending emphasis upon Christlike, Spirit-filled characters?

Floods of sermons are pouring from pulpits in America today, but with what effect? The flood continues, but behold our civilization is drifting toward the rocks. I believe that the ministry today, as a whole would be amazed if they knew what a comparatively small part present day preaching is playing in the spiritual upbuilding of our churches. What people remember about the departing preacher is not so much what he said as the kind of man he seemed to be. People want to see a man filled with the Holy Spirit. What is it that has been drawing the multitudes in recent months to hear Dr. E. Stanley Jones in all parts of America? It is (Continued on page 6)

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Editorials

COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM

In Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (6:17) he is urging the necessity of a clear line of demarcation between one who is a Christian and one who is not a Christian. He believed that the Christian had to be constantly alert and on his guard to prevent his being assimilated in character and practice to the world around him. He did not believe that this world is a friend to grace to help us on to God. Jesus had said that "ye are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." Paul and James and John all recognize the inevitable conflict between the things of the world and the spiritual forces operative in us.

So strongly did Paul feel in this matter that he warned a Christian against marrying one who is not a Christian. It will be difficult to live the Christian life under these conditions. But the words of Paul about "Coming out" are from Isaiah and have a wider application than that of the marriage relation. The purpose of the prophet and of the apostle alike is to make it clear that the life of God's representative here in the world must be distinctive and uncompromising in righteousness and holiness. Paul's words are, "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; and I will receive you, and I will be to you a Father, and ye shall be to me sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

This does not mean necessarily that a man must quit the church if he finds corruption in it, though there may be times when his protest might be expressed properly by this step. It is not that one must sever his connection with an organization; or that he must retire from any physical contact with the world, becoming a hermit or monk; but it does mean that he is to dissociate himself from the world's ways and practices, that he really lives in a different world. We are to make our protest against wordly ways; we are to rebuke these ways by refusal to compromise or participate in its practices.

This is often done at great cost of pain and grief, at the loss of companionship and the good-will of those whom we seek to help and save. It is sometimes attended with financial sacrifice and surrender of social standing. But it is better to have the approval of God than the praise of men. It is better to have the fellowship of our Father than the support of the ungodly. God requires it, and He will requite us.

This personal decision to live a separate life is all the more necessary and urgent today because of the prevalent laxness of morals in the world, and the almost total absence of discipline in the churches. God addresses His message to the church, but not everybody in the church will heed it. So He says, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." There must be, there will be some within the churches who will heed the call of God. In spite of the absence of discipline, in spite of the laxness of morals, in spite of the low spiritual standards, there must be some who will answer to the call of God to holy living. There must be in such cases a church within the church. There will be an inner court for those who are willing to separate themselves unto God.

The great revival under Wesley and Whitfield began when some students were willing to withdraw from the masses and form a club to seek God and to walk in the highway of holiness. It has come now to where those who would walk with God must come out.

Prohibitionists of Louisiana had a statewide rally at Alexandria April 3.

THOU HAST SOLD THYSELI

"He sold out!" A few times in life you have heard that said about a man. Up comes the name of Benedict Arnold, with all the sad story that follows. Comes the face of Judas Iscariot, and his subsequent suicide and eternal ignominy. You have heard it sometimes of jockeys on the race track. A few times you have heard it of a player in an athletic contest, that he "sold out." It means in every case he sold himself. That is all he had to sell. There have always been a few people who were willing to sell themselves for a "consideration." Poor Esau sold out only his birthright, but he sold himself, for his name has been from that day to this the symbol of cheapness.

Of course the words at the head of this article, "Thou hast sold thyself," bring up Elijah and Ahab. What a contrast in character, in station, in conduct and circumstance! A weak king on a throne, governed by a woman, housed in a palace, adding land to land. A stalwart prophet, without honors or a change of raiment, and only kept alive by the water from the brook and the visit of the ravens twice a day. But who would swap the water of Elijah for the wine of Ahab? Who would exchange the freedom of this bedouin prophet for the luxury of the weakling in Samaria. Ahab had sold out.

Elijah did not fail to tell him. At God's command he confronted Ahab. The king had searched everywhere for Elijah and when confronted by him cried out, "Hast thou found me!" "Yes," said Elijah, "I have found thee, for thou hast sold thyself to do that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah." We do not pursue the story further, but think of it now as illustrating present day conditions.

Is it possible that enlightened, even Christian men today put a price on morality, and are willing to sell their opinions and their service to the world for a money consideration, for an office, for a place in the opinions of men? There are people who would be grossly offended, or appear to be so, if you offered them five dollars for their vote on any issue. But come to them with a proposition and call it "revenue," and by this enticing euphemism propose to reduce their taxes by so much if they will vote to license the sale of that which robs people of brains and virtue! They hesitate a moment, they swallow or smack their lips and reply in effect, Well if you will call it revenue, I'll take it. And they will vote to damn men's souls, to blight the lives of women and children, and put their open palms behind them for whatever may be dropped in them.

Moral character is on the block! Principles for which Christians have fought and prayed are sold at a price. If somebody will take this dollar tax off their backs they will vote anyway you say, any way the devil directs! When Abe Lincoln saw a black slave on the auction block in New Orleans, he said, "Some day I'll get a chance to strike that business and I'll hit it hard." We glory in what he did then. But we are told that the first bill to put a license upon the sale of liquor by the federal government was signed by this same Lincoln. He did it reluctantly, hoping to correct it later. But he sold out, and as with Esau there was no place for repentance.

What shall we say of the man who sells himself? Mississippians are again confronted with the question of legalizing the liquor traffic. Our legislature has sold out. They say they put it up to the people. Will the people of Mississippi sell themselves into the hands of the slave driving liquor barons? What will be the answer of God's people today?

The resolution committee of the recent Convention in Jackson thanked those restaurants where meals could be had without the embarrassing accompaniment of alcoholic beverages.

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If your date on Baptist Record shows March 1934 let us have your renewal at once as this is the last issue of the paper March subscribers will receive.

"Dr. Arch C. Cree, who has had twenty-five years experience in negotiating travel in foreign lands, has rendered a signal service to Southern Baptists, as secretary of the transportation committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, in helping to negotiate a series of tours to the Baptist World Alliance in Berlin at remarkably low rates. Recognizing that some of our people would prefer to avoid the crowd and travel more sumptuously, Dr. Cree is offering another of those private, limited, de luxe, personally-conducted tours of Europe and to the meeting of the Alliance, for which he has become noted through the years. See his announcement elsewhere in this issue of our paper."-The Biblical Recorder.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church meets in Jackson in April and extends to near the middle of May. It looks now like we are going to have to fight to retain our present prohibition laws in Mississippi. These Methodists come to us in good time to help in the fight. It will be well for our Baptist pastors who wish to strengthen prohibition sentiment in their communities to invite these preachers to fill their pulpits while attending the conference, and speak on prohibition. Write to Rev. J. L. Decell, Pastor of Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss. Or phone him.

Of the meeting in Raliegh, N. C., in which Dr. Truett preached, the Biblical Recorder says: "The Christian people were murh in prayer, and hundreds of people even thousands surrendered themselves to Christ. There were no clap-trap and high pressure methods in the meetings. There was a spirit of seriousness on the part of the congregation from the beginning to the close of the meeting.

Rev. J. E. Wills has offered his resignation as pastor of the Newton church asking that it become effective the first of April. The deacons have asked him to reconsider, but we do not know his decision. Brother Wills has been pastor here for five years, coming from Main Street Church in Hattiesburg. He is known and loved and honored all over Mississippi as one of our best men, excellent preacher and pastor. He will follow the Lord's leading as to his future work. Any church would be greatly blessed by his ministry.

The church at Holly Springs hopes soon to be out of debt, and they are already expressing the hope that they will in the near future be able to give one-half of their total receipts to mission work through the Convention Board.

We have recently received from the Sunday School Board a copy of a new translation of the four Gospels which is unusually interesting, as it is an "Eastern Version," made from the Aramaic the language which Jesus and the twelve apostles used in their daily conversation. The translator is Geo. M. Lamsa, an Assyrian, familiar with the language and the customs of New Testament times. There is widespread interest today in new translations of the Bible and most of them are helpful to the student and careful reader. This translation is in good English and endeavors to preserve the atmosphere of the time and country where the Gospels origniated. This translator believes that the gospels were written originally in Aramaic and later put into Greek, and so believes that his version has advantages over any other. It is an interesting idea, whether true or not we are not prepared to say. There are differences enough between this and our other versions to be striking and thought-provoking, and that is good. As to the accuracy with which the meaning in conveyed we are hardly in position to express an opinion. The publisher, A. J. Holman Co., has done a fine piece of work. The book sells for from \$2.50 to \$5.00 according to binding.

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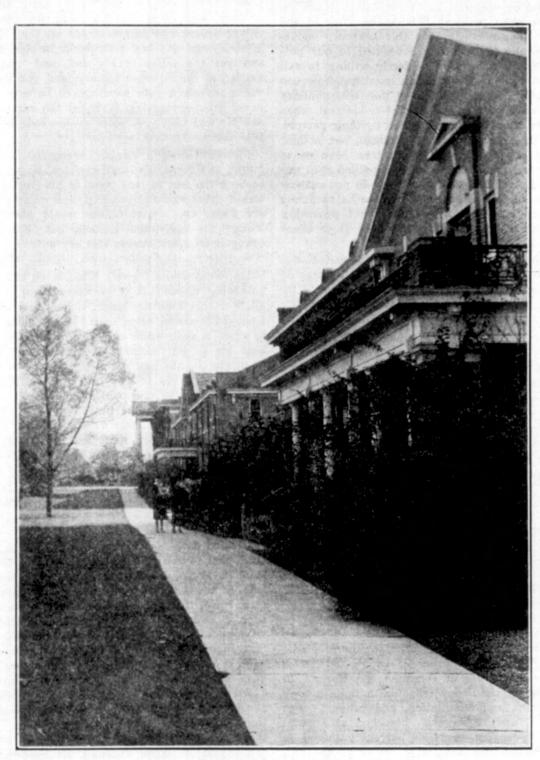
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Brother A. J. Cooper goes from Clinton this week to his new home in Southwest Texas where his gifts will be brought into requisition as pastor's assistant. Brother Cooper is known and highly esteemed all over Mississippi as a song leader and personal worker in evangelistic meetings. He has an excellent voice, good training, and is thoroughly consecrated to the Lord's work. We shall greatly miss him in these parts, and the editor loses in him a mighty good neighbor. May our Father richly bless him and his.

Pastor Cothen held a meeting last week at McLain where he becames pastor a few months ago. He had to his aid as singer and personal worker brother A. J. Cooper, who has assisted in four meetings in this church. He says this is the best of the four. There were 25 additions to the church. Brother Cooper and his family just before leaving for their new home in Fabens, Texas, were in a family reunion at Springfield church, Scott County. There were 83 members of the family connection present.

Convention Board Department

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R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y. This one thing we do, pay our debts.

MARCH RECEIPTS

Brookhaven Church sends largest March check amounting to \$631.00.

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Total Specials		\$8,874.44
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APRIL ROUND-UP

For many years churches have looked forward to April for a general round-up. Churches making no pledges have rallied and made offerings. Those making pledges have endeavored to pay up to date. It is exceedingly important that this practice be observed this year. The Southern Baptist Convention meets in May. We hope to make a good report by the 30th of this month. There are five Sundays in April. Monday is the last day. If churches throughout the State will rush their contributions Monday the 30th, we shall give credit on this Southern Baptist Convention year. Let every one do his best.

-0-ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

Last week those agreeing to become one of a thousand to give \$100.00 each were equally divided between laymen and preachers. The laymen's side must increase greatly, for they outnumber by far the preachers. We are expecting to make a good announcement next week.

(Continued from page 3)

not so much what he says as it is the Christnature which they seem to see in the man. Such
a sight is the most inspiring spectacle that
human eyes ever look upon,—a Spirit-filled man.
Who can tell the number of preachers and laymen who, by the sight of this man of God, and
by personal contacts with him, have gotten a
transforming vision of what they too might become if they would only make the absolute surrender to the indwelling Spirit. Dr. Frank Leavell
who heard Dr. Jones thus writes, "I looked into
the face of Stanley Jones and saw there an expression of spiritual listening which could only
be the result of long years of agonizing prayer."

What made Savanarola the great preacher that he was? It was said of him, "When preaching divine light seemed to beam from his eyes and to illuminate his face." Christ declared that he wanted men attracted to him not by what they saw Him do (His Works) so much as by what they saw him to be. What gospel arrow first wounded Soul of Tarsus? Probably the heavenly light in the face of Stephen which the Bible says shone like the face of an angel.

When John Scudder left New York in 1819 for his mission field in India, the boy James Brainerd Taylor was at the dock. The gleam on Scudder's face so impressed the lad that he abandoned his chosen career and prepared for Princeton and became later the great missionary. The challenge flung at the church today is "Show us ministers and laymen with the radiant lives which only the indwelling Spirit can produce."

Let it be said also that the heathen world is making the same demand on Christian America—a demand that we match our talking with our Christlike living. I read that "A distinguished native of India who had degrees from four American universities," wrote in Harper's magazine in 1927 (it is truer today than then) as follows:

"America must put up a higher type of Christianity or stop sending missionaries . . . The anti-mission attitude in the East is a challenge based on first-hand knowledge of the failure of Christianity to influence the lives of Western people. The East is losing confidence in the religion of the West." "Christianity," said the Dean of Canterbury, "not talked about, but acted out is the most powerful thing in the world."

"You ask us to be Christians," said a Hindu to Dr. E. Stanley Jones, "how Christian is your country?" Cunningham Grahame in writing about the work of the missionaries in Morocco where he was visiting said that the missionary work there had as well be abandoned and the reason he gives is the bad example of the socalled Christians who have moved into that country. He writes that among the natives the word "cheat" and "Christian" are synonomous. Thousands of American church members are living or traveling in foreign countries and we can not send any better religion by them than they have gotten in our home churches. We are pulling and straining to get money from our churches for sending a few missionaries abroad and at the same time we are sending thousands of church members over there to travel or live who counteract the work of our missionaries. Dr. Adkins says, "The Christian merchant or sailor becomes the second century evangelist," and he also says "Christianity grows by individual contacts rather than by organized missionary effort."

Is not that the supreme issue before Southern Baptists today? Of what avail is all our preaching and organizations and whirling machineries if we can not produce Christ-like characters and show in our church members the fruits of the Spirit. Should not the development of such characters be the chief objective of pastors and of our entire denominational machineries? Is not the only Christ-like character a Spirit-filled character? But we are not producing them. We seem not even to be trying. Such work is not in our programs,—though of course there are many noble exceptions.

It is ever true that preaching delivered by Spirit-filled preachers can not easily be overvalued. Such preaching is always powerful and transcendently glorious. But the New Testament seems to teach that the chief work of a Spirit-filled preacher, or layman, is done, not when talking to a crowd or group, but when he is living His daily life before them.

No one of us can tell to what extent our pulpits today are occupied by Spirit-filled men. But would it not be a miracle if our preachers were all or nearly all possessed of this heavenly gift. How can we expect such a result? When ordaining councils seems perfectly willing to ordain young preachers without ever raising the question as to the Baptism of the Spirit and our noble theological Seminaries are willing to grant their full diplomas without insisting upon Christ's requirement that His preachers should be filled with the Holy Spirit before going forth to preach. "But how can we tell when one possesses this gift?" you ask. The early disciples could tell. Our inability to tell is our condemnation and should send us to our knees. Even the deacons were required first to be "full of the Spirit." The necessity for this heavenly enduement seems to be rarely presented in our pulpits. Our churches are perfectly willing to call pastors without raising this question. How can we expect young candidates for the ministry first to secure this Pentecostal enduement when they almost never hear it urged by their pastors, nor in their young people's meetings, nor in their Baptist literature? What right then have we to expect our preachers to be Spirit-filled men under such conditions. If then they do not possess this special equipment, how can we be surprised that present day preaching is not producing Spirit-filled characters in the pew. It is there that the need is greatest.

There are of course—let it be repeated—exceptions in the ministry—possibly multitudes of noble exceptions.

Do we not seem enamoured of numbers and bulk and are we not tempted to parade our swelling church statistics and to forget that one member with the light and power of Christ shining and throbbing in his daily life is worth a thousand formal, non-spiritual members.

If present methods are not producing Spiritfilled characters why not at once change to methods that will produce such results. Such characters constitute the foundation and agency for Kingdom progress. Can not our noble leaders—southwide and statewide leaders—bring our people to face this vital fact?

Character-building! The building, through absolute surrender to the indwelling Spirit, of Spirit-filled characters in ourselves and in others! Is not that the challenge now confronting Southern Baptists?

THE PROPHETIC SPIRIT OF SPURGEON By H. H. Smith

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One of the notable characteristics of Charles H. Spurgeon as a preacher was his prophetic spirit. He had the courage of Isaiah and Amos. and the tenderness of Jeremiah and Hosea. In 1857, during the Sepoy rebellion in India a "day of solemn fast, humiliation, and prayer" was observed, and Spurgeon preached at Crystal palace, Sydenham, to 24,000 persons gathered on that occasion. His text was: "Hear ve the rod. and who hath appointed it." (Micah 6:9). While he was careful to refrain from charging that England's troubles in India were the result of God's judgment upon her for her sins; nevertheless he regarded it as a proper time for his country to consider her ways, and turn her heart more fully to God.

Space will allow only a few brief excerpts from this great sermon, but enough may be quoted to give us some idea of the great preacher's prophetic spirit. As he condemns the social conditions of the day, we are reminded of Amos, the courageous prophet of old.

"But, my friends, I am inclined to think that our class sins are the most grievous. Behold

this day the sins of the rich. How are the poor oppressed? How are the needy downtrodden? In many a place the average wage of men is far below their value to their masters. In this age there is many a great man who looks upon his fellows as only stepping stones to wealth. He builds a factory as he would make a cauldron. He is about to make a brew for his own wealth. 'Pitch him in; he is only a poor clerk, he can live on a hundred a year. Put him in!' There is a poor time-keeper; he has a large family; it does not matter; a man can be had for less. In with him! Here are the tens, the hundreds and the thousands that must do the work. Put them in! Heap the fire; boil the cauldron; stir them up; never mind their cries. The hire of the laborers kept back may go up to heaven! It does not matter, the millions of gold are safe. The law of demand and supply is with us, who is he that would interfere? Who shall dare to prevent the grinding of the faces of the poor? Cotton lords and great masters ought to have power to do what they like with the people, ought they not? Ah! but ye great men of the earth, there is a God, and that God has said He executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed, and yet the sempstress in her garret. and yet the tailor in his den, and yet the artisan in his crowded factory, and yet the servants who earn your wealth, who have to groan under your oppression, shall get the ear of God, and He will visit you. 'Hear ye the rod.' It is for this the rod falleth on you."

Spurgeon was a mighty evangelist. In the pulpit, the home, the market-place, he was ever seeking the lost to lead them to his Savior. This was a great national occasion, and many preachers under the circumstances would have overlooked the individual sinner; but Spurgeon's evangelistic spirit makes him cry out:

"Oh! if I might have some souls won to Christ today, what would I give? What is all this great gathering to me? It is an extra labor, that is all. For this I do not labor. God is my witness, I sought you not; never once have I said a thing to court a smile from any man. When God first sent me to the ministry He bade me fear no man, and I have not yet met the man to whom I have feared to tell of God's truth. Nor you have I sought to please, nor you have I sought to gather here. I would preach the gospel; may God give me some souls as my reward! And if but one poor sinner shall look to Jesus, clap your wings, ye angels! Enough is done, for God is honored."

And now, all ye preachers, who have to "lift a collection" from time to time — would you know how Spurgeon did it? Here is his exhortation on this occasion:

"I have done my sermon, but I want to make an appeal to you to give liberally. Lives there a man in England who will this day refuse his help to those of his countrymen who have suffered? No, there does not live such a man-not such a Briton. Is there a miserable miscreant without a heart, who will, when God has given him enough, shut up his bowels of compassion against those whose sons and daughters have been murdered, and who themselves have escaped as by the skin of the teeth? No, I will not slander you by such a supposition. I cannot think that I have such a monster here. When the box shall pass around, give-give as you can afford; if it be a penny, let the working man give. You that are rich must not give pence, however. Many a man has said, 'There is my mite.' He was worth a hundred thousand pounds, and it was not a mite at all. If he had given a thousand it would only have been a mite to him. Give as ye can afford it. May God be blessed to grant a liberal spirit."

Ashland, Va.

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Pastor G. C. Hodge reports one baptism Sunday at Biloxi. There were 285 in Sunday school, the largest ever. There were 61 in the Men's Bible Class. Increased attendance at all services.

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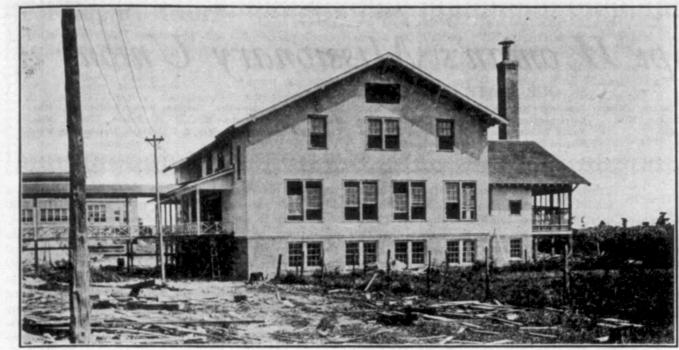
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Dining Hall that was destroyed by fire, March 18, 1934. Will be replaced prior to next session.

B. Y. P. U. Department

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"We Study That We May Serve" AUBER J. WILDS, General Secretary Oxford, Mississippi

AL B. Y. P. U. NOTES

The fourth Sunday in March was the time for the regular meeting of the Yazoo County Associational B. Y. P. U. The meeting was held in the Yazoo City church and a good attendance was present. Mr. John Watson, district leader of district one was responsible for the program and he and his helpers planned an interesting musical program. After a special song "Why Should He Love Me So," a pastor discussed the link between B. Y. P. U. and Pastor. The meeting resulted in a new interest and enthusiasm in the work. The youngest union in the association met with the organization for the first time, this union was Holly Bluff. A bus load of BYPUpers attended the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Conven- 8. tion from over the association and all report a good time.

--0--SENATOBIA ENLARGES B.Y.P.U. WORK

Under the splendid leadership of Pastor Martin and Mrs. Martin as B. Y. P. U. Director the B. Y. P. U. work has been enlarged to include a B. A. U. A full report of the organization has not reached us, but we feel sure this organization started off with enthusiasm and will be a great blessing to the entire church.

-0-HONOR ROLL OF A-1 UNIONS FOR 1933

The year 1933 gave us nine unions that maintained the standard for the entire year. B. A. U., Oxford; Senior B. Y. P. U.'s, Carthage, Bellefountain, Jackson Co., County Line, Greene County; Intermediate, County Line, Greene County; Juniors, "Kees," Brookhaven, Summit, New Albany, Summerland.

OXFORD TO HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

YAZOO COUNTY ASSOCIATION- Oxford conducted a revival in their church with marked results and are planning to repeat this for this year. The church asked the B. Y. P. U. department to sponsor the meeting and they are planning to cooperate with the State B. S. U. and will have the group of students who will undertake to conduct a meeting in eight churches in the state this summer to work with them in this meeting. This is a capable idea and we hope to have a good report of this meeting to announce at our District B. Y. P. U. Conventions.

TIME AND PLACE OF DISTRICT B. Y. P. U. CONVENTIONS

District Three-New Albany, June

District Four-Meridian, June 7-

District Five-Ellisville, June 12-13.

District Six-Brookhaven, June

District One-Jackson, June 19-

District Two-Clarksdale, June

The meeting in district four will be held with the 41st Ave. church in Meridian. The meeting in district one will be held with the Davis Memorial church in Jackson. In each convention the program will begin at three o'clock the afternoon of the first day and close the afternoon of the second day.

ASSOCIATIONAL SIMULTANE-OUS STUDY COURSES FOR JULY

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So far we have several young men and women who have volunteered their services for a month this summer to serve some county for the entire month helping to plan a program that will result in a simultaneous B. Y. P. U. Study Course. Several counties or asso-Last year the young people of ciations have asked for one of these workers. If you are interested write your state secretary and he will plan to cooperate with you.

-0-CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

It is almost unbelievable but it is true: The Sunday School Board has sold four hundred thousand (400,000) copies of the song book "Songs of Faith." This means that if the churches have ordered an average of 100 each there are four thousand churches that have bought and are using this new and great song book. Surely four thousand churches can't be wrong, hence a splendid recommendation to any church contemplating a new song book. You can get these books now at a discount of 10% if cash accompanies the order. Order from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

ORAL B. Y. P. U., LAMAR COUN-TY PLANS INTERESTING

WEEK Beginning Monday of last week the Oral B. Y. P. U., Lamar County, started a training school. Friday night after examinations a good social was enjoyed followed Sunday afternoon with an Easter egg hunt, closing Sunday night with a special service at which awards for the week were to be given with an installation in connection with the preaching service. K. L. Fillingame, director, is proud of the five unions comprising his organi-

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EVANGELIST J. H. PAGE -0-

Dear brethren in Christ:

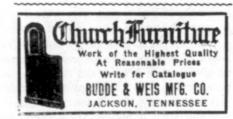
Feeling that the Lord wants to use us in evangelistic work, and after prayerful consideration we are offering ourselves for this kind of service. Having had some training, and sixteen years experience in pastoral, evangelistic and mission work we feel that we can render satisfactory service in this line. After May 25th my son, Paul, will be with me in meetings if a singer or cornetist is wanted. He does good work as leader or cornetist. Can give the best of reference. We will depend entirely upon freewill offerings.

J. H. Page, Box 81, Oakland, Miss.

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There are one hundred and seventeen members of the One Hundred Thousand Club in the First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, of which Dr. J. Norris Palmer is pastor. The list includes: all of the deacons of the church except one, seven members of one deacon's family, the pastor, the pastor's wife, the church treasurer, his wife, the church clerk, his wife, the chairman of the finance committee, the Sunday school superintendent, the B. Y. P. U. director, the president of the Woman's Missionary Society, the organist, the church secretary, the Baptist student secretary for Louisiana State University and Governor Oscar K. Allen of Louisi-



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OUR PRAYER CALENDAR

8-SUNDAY

Let us pray for the steadfast courage of Adoniram Judson. Also for May meeting, Fort Worth, Texas.

Looking unto the promise of God, he wavered not.—Rom, 4:20.

9-MONDAY

Pray for Miss Rose Marlowe, educational work, Shanghai, China, and for W. M. U. of Central and Interior China.

The Father Himself loveth you.—John 16:27.

10—TUESDAY
For annual session of W. M. U. of South Carolina, Greenville, and of W. M. U. of Arkansas,

Little Rock, April 10-12.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing ye shall receive.—Matt. 21:22.

11-WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John Mein, educational work, Pernambuco, Brazil, and for John and Robert Mein, Margaret Fund students.

I love them that love me.-Prov. 8:17.

12-THURSDAY

For Misses Lora Clement, E. E. Rea (on furlough) and Sarah Funderburke (on furlough), evangelistic work, King Moon, China.

He giveth more grace.—Jas. 4:6.

13—FRIDAY

For Miss Cornelia Brower, Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile.

God is able to make all grace abound towards you.—II Cor. 9:8.

14-SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, educational and evangelistic work, Chefoo, China.

I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward.—Gen. 15:1.

My dear friends and kingdom workers:

Ever since I left Alabama, which was April 12, 1933, I have wanted to write to all my friends who were so kind and thoughtful while I was at home on my furlough and now that the close of the year is upon us, and a general reckoning is at hand, I plan to send you a letter of greetings and some few things concerning the work out here, which we all love, and in which there is a common interest and for which you have with me united in prayer and supplication. Like all years, this has been full of joy and sorrow. The first few months were spent in the home land and I went down in the valley with a dear sister who saw her husband suffer and then slip away from her. What a privilege it was though to be there with her through all the dark days and then through the first lonely days that followed. Many of us out here in China are deprived of that comfort and ministry-often cables and letters come, announcing the fact that a loved one has gone and suffer in silence, so I praise Him for letting me be there at this time-for during my forty years of service, five of my own have been called away and I was not there to sorrow with those who were left and to comfort and help. Still I can say "He doeth all things well."

I had such a blessed experience and privilege the very day of my departure for my chosen field of work. Our Alabma women had their yearly meeting and presented me with that W. M. U. pin! It makes my face flush with shame to think how unworthy I am to receive such a token of their love and trust, but my heart burns with gratitude for the love that prompted the gift. I took passage on the good ship The

President Taft and had a most restful trip, and landed safely in Shanghai, May 9th, found a most cordial welcome awaiting me. There's been no lack of work ever since that day. Our pastor, Rev. Y. C. Gold, had just been here a few months when I left for the homeland, but during that year the church made progress and he is doing a fine work. We had been without a regular pastor for two years, owing to the death of our beloved and consecrated Pastor Z. Y. Tsung who left us in September, 1930. We have had more baptisms during this past year than we usually have as there were fifty-five additions. And the old church has grown in thirst for knowledge of His Word and concern for the salvation of the lost. They gladly accept responsibility for the full support of the church and all its enterprises and growth in unity is very marked. "We be brethren" is the outstanding characteristic in this democratic church. A very prominent and well-to-do contractor and an ignorant servant-woman were received into our midst on the same day and there was equal concern and rejoicing over the two baptisms and the membership is composed of those from the highest to the lowest walks of life. We bless God for the brotherhood spirit of His Gospel.

Now for our women! Bless their hearts, they are growing, growing! And how loyal they are! And such attendance at our weekly meetings. They gave eight hundred dollars this year and for years have entirely supported their own woman evangelist, who is an indefatigable worker, a graduate of Eliza Yates School and really deserves more than a casual mention. Where there is sickness and sorrow, she is always there, and ready to help in joy and sorrow. The women's class is the very largest in the church Sunday school and there they give too-last Sunday I mentioned the fact that our Sunday school literature had advanced in price and one woman handed me five dollars. Never a call, but that they liberally respond. I was much impressed last week; after asking if all had signed their new year pledge cards and this same young woman, who is not yet four months a member, said I have not, for the first promise was "I'll have a regular time to read my Bible and pray every day and while I do read and pray every day, I cannot do so at a regular time -and as this pledge was to be made between me and God, I could not sign it, for fear it would not be the whole truth." I praise God for this teaching of the Holy Spirit, as to being entirely truthful and honest with Him. All the good work and growth is not confined to our women either. One of our deacons is intensely interested in radio broadcasting and has put more than five daily services on the air, which includes morning watch, service of song and children's hour-sermons, etc. He has secured from non-Christians as well as Christians contributions of over \$800.00 per month. There is nothing commercial in the enterprise, and as radios are being bought all over China, one can see what a power this can be in the Kingdom's work here in this land where His name is being greatly magnified.

In contrast to this service from an intelligent and well-to-do man, is the case of Tuh Yong, the caretaker at our church cemetery which is five miles out in the country. He walks into the church service on Sunday and brings flowers for the pulpit, often six pots which he carries in flat baskets suspended from a bamboo pole across his shoulder. This is his love offering to his church; and then there is Ah Daung, a jade stone grinder, very poor, and has five children to support, but for five years, every Christmas, he has bought and decorated a Christmas tree for the church. I call this loving, personal service. The North Gate Church has three outstations where regular services are held, Poo Tong, West Gate and Fah Who, all financed and manned by our church members. We have many calls from other churches and they always respond. We pledge \$280.00 every year for home missions, and this year a new church was built and dedicated up at Quin San and the North Gate Church responded most liberally to their requests for furniture.

Tithing is stressed, specially among the women, and we thank our Father for all these signs of progress and growth and take courage to face the coming years, so full of promise. Pray for us that we may be faithful to Him who called us.

Yours in His love,

Willie H. Kelly.

Jan. 1, 1934.

Address: Miss Willie H. Kelly, 466 Rue Lafayette, Shanghai, China.

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If your date on Baptist Record shows March 1934 let us have your renewal at once as this is the last issue of the paper March subscribers will receive.

The death of Dr. J. O. Ringold of Winona, removes one of our best citizens and an active Christian layman. The sympathy of a host of friends goes to his wife and four sons.

The church at Greenville on Sunday morning extended a call to Rev. Wm. McMurry, pastor of Speedway Terrace Church of Memphis. He has not yet indicated his decision. If he comes to Mississippi he will find a good working church and a wide welcome in the state.

Mr. Edw. B. Blake, chairman of the National Prohibition Party will be present at the meeting to be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Jackson at April 12, and will have charge of the program.

Read the announcement made this week by the steamship company carrying the folks to Berlin this summer to attend the Baptist World Alliance. Also the message from Dr. Arch C. Cree about a more extended and luxurious trip. If at all possible to go to the Baptist World Alliance, you ought by no means to miss it.

Pastor E. F. Wright is in a revival meeting at West Point, being assisted by brother J. E. Byrd. The meeting continues from April 1 to April 15. Remember them in your prayer.

We had the pleasure Sunday morning of looking in a minute on Pastor J. W. Mayfield who was still in the hospital in McComb. He was looking well and certainly very cheerful. His people and members of other congregations in McComb have shown their high regard for him in many ways during his illness and that of his wife. We were privileged to preach to those people of the First Church Sunday morning and to be with the men's class taught by Mr. Rhea McCullough, and presided over by brother Jackson. And we were entertained in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Johnson.

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East Mississippi Department By R. L. BRELAND

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DIED-One of our good men, a member of Elam Baptist Church, Yalobusha County, suffered a tragic death on March 27. His name was Jesse Harbour. He was operating a cut-off saw at a small sawmill when one of the wires holding it in place broke and the saw cut half through his body across the breast severing his heart. He died instantly. He leaves a sorrowing wife, Mrs. Gertha Harrison Harbour, an aged father and mother and two brothers and one sister to mourn his tragic going. His body was buried at Elam with Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett officiating, assisted by the writer. He was a World War veteran and was buried with military honors.

As reported in the Record recently, Miss Anna Rita Jones, of Hollandale Baptist Church recently won the state Stewardship essay contest in the Baptist Y. W. A. She will attend the Ridgecrest Encampment where she will enter the southwide contest this summer.

Sorry that Rev. Joseph Woodson, who has been in the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville for several months, has come home for a while because of failing health. He had just completed four years in Mississippi College before going to the Seminary. The strain was too great. His home is at Grenada.

While at the convention at Jackson recently I met Rev. Vincent Crawley of Hollandale, who is at present in Mississippi College. He is preparing himself for the great work of preaching. He is a son of Prof. and Mrs. C. L. Crawley of Hollandale.

Rev. C. H. Ellard will complete his work for his Th.M. degree in the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, by the first of May. He and family will then locate at Carrollton, Miss., and will serve this church in connection with North Carrollton, Hardy and other churches. He is prepared for splendid work, as also is his good wife.

Good reports come from our beloved brother, Rev. R. B. Patterson, of Calhoun City. He has returned home from the hospital much improved after an operation for appendicitis. May his health be much improved.

Deacon W. M. Shelton brings good reports from Derma. The last payment on the new house of worship there has been paid in full. Pastor R. M. Lewis and the membership in full are happy and rejoicing. We rejoice with them. Debts are hard to pay these times. Takes heroic work and sacrifice.

"Rev. Dewey Riley, a native of Calhoun County, who has been serving as pastor of some large Baptist churches in Oklahoma during the past several years, and who has been the pastor of Shawnee (Okla.) Baptist Church for the past three years, was highly honored recently when he received the appointment as evangelist of the Southwestern district of Oklahoma Baptist Association, comprising a number of counties in that section." -Calhoun County Monitor-Herald.

Well, we have beer and likely will vote on hard liquor soon. Our state has drifted backward many years in morals. There seems to be a downward drift in morals among the people of America, so there is no telling how far down the scale of immorality we will go before a halt is made. Israel began to drift and did not stop until they were carried away captive, and finally they were scattered, and are still scattered, when they rejected Christ. That may be what is ahead for America. The rejection of Christ seemingly has set in and when that process proceeds sufficiently far God will intervene in His own way and make things right, all right. So, why worry? We are to fight conditions to a bitter finish, but God will bring His will to pass. Perhaps-who knows?-we are in that period spoken of in Matt. 24 as "the beginning of sorrows." I am looking for some great change in affairs within the next decade. No one knows what it is going to be. The Lord is coming back some day, and why not soon. I do not know of a single Bible prophecy that stands in the way of the coming of Christ that has not been fulfilled. "So, come Lord Jesus."

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE APRIL 1, 1934

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STOUT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Wuchow, South China, February 25, 1934.

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Your letter of January 30th reached us this afternoon and made us very happy. It is indeed good of you to be interested in our welfare. Yes, we expect by the help of the Lord to somehow get to London in order to be treated in the London School of Tropical Medicine. I feel that this is the best place for advice and treatment for my stubborn trouble.

I have not as yet paid a cent on my passage but have made reservations and hope to be able to take them up. In order to do this we are now selling everything in the way of household effects that we have here and has accumulated during our term of service in China. Some of these things are dear to us because of association. Yet we feel that the important thing now is to get well if possible and be able to carry on for the Master in whatever work He yet has for us to do.

The Board has sent, or rather approved, of the Mission Treasurer allowing us the usual second class travelling expense fund to make the trip direct to America via Pacific. This will not get us home. And we want to go via Suez to London. We will have to add to this fund somehow. I do not know what it will cost to live in London, but we are planning to stop at the Home of the China Inland Mission which is about the cheapest place we know of, at the present time. We will appreciate any help that you care to make. Praise the Lord! Another evidence of "Answered Prayer." Yesterday was my 52nd birthday and this is a birthday present. I thank you.

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#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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The average length of the schools was 11 days, and the average cost per pupil enrolled for the entire school was 161/4 c.

In these same schools more than three thousand pupils were enrolled who attended no Sunday school. If your church has never had one, start this year. The Sunday School Department, Box 520, Jackson, will send you a worker to help present it. Write us.

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Today

## Sunday School Lesson W. A. Sullivan

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April 8, 1934 Some Kingdom Principles Matthew 18:1-19:15

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Our passage for study today contains several distinct, yet related topics. These may be considered under the general topic: Some Kingdom Principles.

1. The Principles of Childlike Humility (Matt. 18:1-6). Most likely Jesus was in the home of Simon Peter at Capernaum. The old dispute among the disciples as to which of them should have the most important place in the Kingdom of heaven arose again. So they go to Jesus to have the matter settled once for all. They bluntly ask Him the question: "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" In reply He called a little child (probably Peter's) to Him, placed it in their midst, and told them frankly that unless they were converted and became as little children they could not even (double negative for emphasis) enter the kingdom of heaven, to say nothing of being great in it. One hopes they got the point.

Selfishness and self-seeking on the part of His disciples were a frequent cause of great pain in the heart of Jesus. They were seeking for high a place, promotion, recognition, preferment. One can see the same sort of thing among Christian people to this day. It appears among preachers, laymen, churches, schools, etc. It is the spirit of the world. It is contrary to spirit of Christ who "Came not to be ministered unto but to minister." It is probably the cause of more confusion in churches, conventions, etc., than any other one thing. We still need to learn the truth which Jesus sought to teach when "He called a little child and set him in the midst of them." He identifies Himself with those who learn that truth, saying (Matt. 18: 5-6), "Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth

2. Of Self-denial (18:7-9). This is strong language. Jesus meant literally what He said. If the hands, feet, or eyes were to become hindrances to one's spiritual life they must be sacrificed. However members of the physical body do not of themselves become stumbling stones. The point which Jesus was emphasizing is that regardless of the value of any earthly tie, or possession, if it hinders the growth, development, usefulness of the faculties of one's spiritual life it must be plucked out, cut off, cast away. One cannot serve God and mammon. One cannot compromise with the spirit and ways of the world. A Christian must separate himself from the things that offend; or the things that offend will separate the Christian from Christ.

3. Of Compassion for the Lost (18:10-14). What the world may consider least of all Jesus considers of infinite value. The humble, meek, unassuming, "forgotten man" or woman who is a follower of Jesus is known personally around the Father's throne. Their angels always behold His face. If the humblest of them be lost, Jesus seeks to save. He illustrated His deep interest in, and compassion for, such by the beautiful parable of the lost sheep. Here also He teaches preachers and Sunday school teachers how to solve the "Absentee problem." Ninety and nine sheep came home safe. One was missing. The shepherd "goeth forth into the mountains and seeketh that which is gone astray." Luke says (15:4) that the shepherd "goeth after that which is lost until he find it." Note the joy and gladness when compassion finds and saves its object. A human being, though straying far, is worth saving. There is joy in heaven when the lost is found.

4. Of A Forgiving Spirit (18:15-35). In these verses Jesus deals at length with the matter of one forgiving another. He insists that one must not wait for the transgressor to take the initiative in making reconciliation. "If thy brother sin against thee" the one sinned against must go to the offender and "tell him his fault between thee and him alone." The object is to win back the offending brother. In case the wrong-doer will not hear, the brother sinned against must take along one or two more and talk things over again, still with a view of winning the transgressor. The final and last step is: "If he will not hear them, tell it to the church: but if he will not hear the church, let him be to thee as a heathen man and a publican." That is to say, ignore him.

Peter raised the question (18:21) as to how many times he should forgive. Jesus replied in effect that there must be no limit to forgiveness-"seventy times seven." He then taught by parable the essential importance of the forgiving spirit. One must forgive if one would be forgiven. No man on earth ever wronged another more than most men have wronged God. However God Himself cannot forgive a sinner unless that sinner desires forgiveness enough to ask for it. Neither can a man who has been wronged forgive the injury unless the wrong-doer wants forgiveness. However one who has the spirit of Christ will not hold malice against another who has injured him. Furthermore he, like Christ, will take the initiative in bringing the transgressor into an attitude to be for-

5. Of Respect for the Authority of God's Word (Matt. 19:1-15). The case before us in this passage is that of divorce. God's word knows only one ground upon which one may obtain a divorce and marry another. The Pharisees appealed to Moses as authority for their position on the divorce question. Jesus replied that Moses permitted them to put away their wives because of the hardness of their hearts but that "from the beginning it was not so." If Jesus knew what He was talking about, and meant what He said, one who obtains a divorce on any other ground than that of for-

# Whose Fault?





## When a Child Won't Study

"Kept after school!" And it isn't the child's fault, or the teacher's. His mother is to blame. How can a boy get his lessons when his senses are dulled day after day by dosing with sickening purgatives? When a child's bowels are stagnant they need help, of course. But not some drastic drug to upset the stomach, perhaps weaken the entire system; or form the laxative habit. On the right, parents will find a happy solution of this problem:

Here's a boy who gets good marks, has time and energy for play. He is never ill, hardly ever has so much as a cold. When he does show any symptoms of being sluggish, his mother knows just what to do. She gives him a little California Syrup of Figs-and that is all. It's a natural, fruity laxative that is agreeable to take, and its gentle laxative action comes from senna.

Parents are urged to use just pure California Syrup of Figs. Be sure bottle says 'California'.

nication and marries another commits adultery. The one marrying another who obtains a divorce for any other reason than fornication also commits adultery. Man cannot repeal the law of God. Neither custom, nor expediency, nor extenuating circumstance must be allowed to supersede the authority of God's word in any relation of

Jesus once said "The Kingdom of heaven is within you." Again it is said "the kingdom of heaven is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Yet there are certain principles of that kingdom to which one must adhere if one would inter into it and inherit its blessings. Among those principles are (1) child-like humility, (2) continual self-denial, (3) real compassion for the lost, (4) a patient forgiving spirit, and (5) loyal respect for the authority of God's -BR

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#### W. G. MARBLE

WHEREAS, in Divine Providence, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call into His presence our esteemed Christian friend and fellowdeacon, brother W. G. Marble, and

WHEREAS, his life among us has been a blessing, and his Christian activity a devoted service to his fellowman,

WE, THE BOARD OF DEACONS OF THE LELAND BAPTIST CHURCH, do hereby

EXPRESS our loss at the passing of one of our faithful members who was untiring in his efforts, consecrated in his service, and steadfast in his faith; and

ACKNOWLEDGE the blessing that has been ours from his acquaintance, the contributions made by him toward the spiritual enrichment of our church and community, and the inspiration that is ours from his example; and

EXTEND to his bereaved family our tenderest sympathy and earnest prayers, with the hope that in their hour of grief they may turn in the same abiding faith to our Lord for comfort as that of our departed brother.

S. A. Brown,

D. H. Landrum,

C. O. Dean,

Committee. ----BR--Thanks to Pastor Olander for a

good list of subscribers from Fan-

## GIRLHOOD



Mrs. C. H. Newell of 725 E. South St., Jackson, Miss., said: "When I was developing. I used to suffer terribly periodically. I had bearing pains, cramps, backache, dizy headache and would not feel right for days afterward. I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and gradu-New size, tablets 50 cts., liquid \$1.00. Large size, tabs, or liquid, \$1.35. "We Do Our Part."

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#### W. M. S. OF EDEN, JASPER COUNTY --0-

The W. M. S. of Eden is progressing nicely since the new year. Have all its auxiliaries at work. We meet twice each month, rendering four programs. Also a Bible study is taught by their pastor, Rev. L. T. Fagan, and with great good accomplished. We feel sure it will enable our members to see the light and become soul-winners and teachers.

We are happy to announce our cottage prayer meetings are well attended every two weeks.

Our March week of prayer was observed, and \$12.85 given to home missions. Our free-will offering for the past year to our own community was \$85. For this quarter our free-will offering to our home community was \$12. We are trying to carry out our Father's will at home and abroad.

Our Sunbeams meet with their leader, Mrs. Ethel Kelly, every month. All children are invited. Our G. A.'s meet with their leader, Miss Fannie Musgroves, and our school teachers every two weeks. The Y. W. A. wishes to meet their standard the next quarter. The R. A.'s are expected to render a fine program the last of the month.

Our workers have finished three quilts which have been delivered, one to the pastor from W. M. U., one to orphans from G. A.'s, and one to Old Ladies Home from Y. W. A. We will gather together to make out our home-making club plan by the last of the month for next quarter. The W. M. U. has already requested the pastor to turn in his need to them for the coming quarter, so they can make plans to meet them.

We ask all the faithful workers' prayers for us and also we will render ours to the support of God's

#### -BR-"TITMOUSE," A BLIND BABY By Louis J. Bristow, Supt.

"Titmouse" is nearly a year old now. He came to us several months ago, blind. He was born blind. His world was one of total darkness. Other than his blindness, the boy was normal, and a fine little fel-

A certain skillful eye specialist had healed the blindness of a former Governor of Florida, while he was in the Southern Baptist Hospital last year and wide publicity has been given to it; and this baby boy was brought here to see if his eyes could be opened.

ing glasses! It was "too funny," according to a certain nurse, to see the little fellow looking about, wearing glasses. It was a new world to him now, and he met surprises ever minute.

The glorious thing is, he was blind and now he sees. And all through the love and charity of Southern Baptists. Is "Titmouse" one of the little ones spoken of in Matthew 25:40?

New Orleans.

#### WALTER G. MARBLE -0-

Walter G. Marble, aged 77 years, fell on sleep in his home at Leland, Miss., February 20, 1934. Funeral services were held in the Baptist Church at Leland, conducted by his former pastor, W. H. Morgan, assisted by Dr. J. G. Chastain and Rev. R. G. Moore, pastor of the Leland Methodist Church. The body was laid to rest in the Leland-Stoneville Cemetery. A great host of friends kept vigil with the family in their sorrow and filled the church at the funeral service. The high esteem in which brother Marble was held, and the tender sympathy for the bereaved family, were attested by the profusion of beautiful flowers covering the casket and embanked about the church rostrom.

Mr. Marble was a native of Jefferson County. He united with the church in his home community in early life, serving actively in all the interests of his church, and as a deacon. In 1913 Bro. Marble moved with his family to Leland. He at once, with all the members of his family, entered actively in the work of the church there. He was received into the church as a deacon and served continuously and with zealous interest until his death. He was progressive in his ideas of church responsibility, but alert in maintaining with rigid regard New Testament standards and doctrine. He supported the church liberally with both his time and means. He was a good steward. He had a large part in leading the sentiment and supplying the funds for the achievement of the splendid plant equipment of the present church at Leland.

Mr. Marble was married on May 31, 1882, to Miss Sadie Griffing. This was a happy and fortunate union, from which came the establishment of a home radiating a winsome godliness, exemplifying a wise and devoted parental care, illustrating a beautiful family life, and characterized by the finest spirit of hospitality. It was a home of sunshine and an open door. Bro. Marble had a genius for the true home spirit, which however was nurtured and sympathetically shared by the equally happy genius of his devoted companion. Mrs. Marble and six worthy adult children, three boys and three girls, survive Mr.

In practical affairs Mr. Marble was successful and prominent. In his native community he established himself as a successful farmer and merchant and leader in com-Well, after delicate surgery "Tit- munity and civic life. He served mouse" could see! And the surgeon eight years as a member of the fitted glasses on him. Think of it: 'Board of Supervisors of his couna baby less than a year old wear- ty. In Leland he was a member of the firm of the Deer Creek Planting Company, himself supervising the planting interests of the company with marked success.

> To one who knew him well he is esteemed as a man of the finest qualities of industry, integrity, and faithfulness. He was a gentleman of the old school, a friend of good understanding, a loyal servant of his fellow-man and of his God. He blessed the world with a long lifetime of service and leaves a bless-

ed heritage to keep his memory many places in south Mississippi fresh and in warm appreciation.

W. H. Morgan. -BR-

#### TYLERTOWN -0-

Every Sunday has been a specially good day since we came here but last Sunday was Mission Day and while we had only 166 in Sunday school the special offering was \$87.13 and it seems to have been the climax of them all so far. Yet this offering was made just after the week of prayer by our W. M. S. which amounted to \$42. Much interest was manifested in all of these offerings and in fact every service a joyful one.

This church has two outstanding ministers in it. Preachers who have done credit to the church and denomination wherever they have gone. Brother P. S. Rogers is one, a Greek scholar, and an able preacher and teacher. He teaches a class in the Adult department in the Sunday school and is in the Adult B. Y. P. U. The other preacher is Bro. W. A. Murray who preached well in

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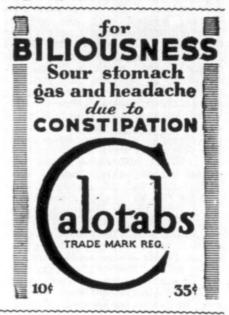
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and is loved and honored by all. He also teaches in the Adult department of the Sunday school and the B. Y. P. U. Brother H. P. Mosely is the efficient superintendent and is on the job and with joy early and late with his assistance. Brother H. A. Scott is the director of the B. Y. P. U. and also a teacher in the Sunday school. Mrs. W. R. Cain is the president of the W. M. S. They are doing a wonderful work and enjoy it. Brother Weathersby, my predecessor, did a splendid work and I see his tracks everywhere I go. All denominations call him a good man. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

W. R. Cooper.

Mrs. J. L. Johnson of Hattiesburg was one of the teachers in the training school recently conducted at Bogalusa, La.

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## The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

This has been a lovely spring day, with a sharp touch in the air that is to be expected after the raw, cold days we have been having. The sunshine called me out in the yard so loudly that I could not resist, so I went out to see what I could find. There was a red glint over in the southeast corner, and I found four Japanese plum bushes in full bloom, and already dropping their red petals all around them. Close by on the fence were the long branches of Paul's Scarlet rose bushes, which bear the loveliest roses I ever saw, I think. The buds will soon be thick along the branches, and we are going to have hundreds of red roses, if this year is like last year. Not far off, was scarlet verbena blooming, so this was a red corner. In the northeast corner of the yard were five Spiraea bushes, each one covered with white blossoms: nearby are the white and green flowers of Breath of Spring (Winter Honey Suckle), not much in looks, but ravishing in perfume. And did you ever see the Pomegranite, with its red petalled flowers, which are fol-lowed by apple-like fruit? Mine is covered now with new red leaves; the flowers will soon be coming. The forsythias have a few scatteryellow blooms, but the late winter treated them badly. Rose bushes are full of leaf-buds, and promise to be pretty after while, many other plants are putting out in Along the brick walk on the hill behind us, fine plants of pink poppies, are growing and little nasturium plants whose seeds were put in the ground five or six weeks ago, are two and three inches high. Well, I'm surprised that I could give such a good account of progress in our yard, which has been so much injured by harsh weather and intruding animals. But I wonder whether you know why I wrote about it? Because I have only one letter from one of you to occupy our space! Maybe I shall have several more by the time this goes to print: I hope so. You know, when you don't write, I have to write more. That is not according to my desire, but is the best I can do. Last week, I don't know how

Last week, I don't know how, there was a mistake in our Bible study, the scripture reference not giving the passage about which the story is made. I'm sorry, and have the one today all right.

Love to you all, from Mrs. Lipsey.

#### Bible Story No. 13: April 5th A Story about being rich. Luke 12:16-21

Jesus told this story, and the lessons in it must be true. A certain rich man had ground that brought forth big crops. He was worried because he didn't have room to take care of so fine a harvest, but after he had talked with himself about it, he said to himself, "I know what I'll do: I must pull down these cramped barns, and build some big enough to hold all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to my soul that our good time has come, with plenty for us to live on for many years. All my soul has to do is to enjoy its rest, and eat and drink and have a high old time." But God had a word to say about this, and this was, "You foolish one, I'm taking your soul from you tonight, and to whom will all these things belong that you have gotten ready for your pleasure?" That is a poor kind of riches that a man spends only upon himself: we can't go on always enjoying that sort of riches. We must have the riches that comes from doing God's service.

Bible Puzzle by Mrs. Mayo
1. Who was Timothy's mother?
2. To what king did Elijah prophesy that there would be no rain in three years?

3. Where was the first battle fought?

4. After Jacob had his dream, what did he promise the Lord?
5. On Paul's journey to Rome what was the tempestuous wind called?

6. Who was the Israelitess in Christ's genealogy?

Leland, Miss. March 28, 1934

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:
I am well, and glad to be back

I am well, and glad to be back in school. I enjoyed Mr. Cormier's letter. I certainly hope we can get Mr. Cormier's picture on our page. I am sending 10c for the picture. I am enclosing \$2.00 dues for Jeannie Lipsey Club No. 9 for March 1934.

With love, Mary Adelyn Milam.

So glad, Mary Adelyn, you have gotten over measles, and hope you are entirely all right. Our little Bettie has it now, as so many are. Measles didn't make any difference in your contribution last month, and here it is again! We are mighty glad to get it, my dear.

Bringing the Bible to the People We went to Pon Breaux and many people were there, running away from the high water. We stayed at the home of a man and woman who had two children, a daughter and son. They were getting ready for a dance for the young folks. While we talked with the father, we found he had a brother whom he had not seen for years, and he was not far off, in the high water. So we got in the car and went as far as we could drive: then we walked to where the brother was, living in one room with their daughter who had three children. We went in, and they were talking about dancing. Finally they got to listening to my talk, and then I played to them on my quitar and they liked it fine. A girl went out and got some more people who were staying in the depot on account of the high water.

A lady with a bunch of children was listening, seeming much interested. After I had played the hymn, "Majestic Sweetness," she said to some one, "That was just like the piece I danced with your husband the other night." That surely hurt me, for I thought they were thinking about what I was saying.

I sang several more hymns and read the Bible, and then the old man got up and told of his conversion, crying like a baby.

I could not stay long with these people. They wanted me to stay and go fishing with them, so I went with them the next morning, and the old man and I had a little service on the shore.

A chorus of forty singers will go from Sweden to the Baptist World Alliance at Berlin. These are fellow countrymen and women of Jenny Lind.

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Jesus, the Son of God, the Living Word, declared himself to be "the way, the truth and the life." John 14:6. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. The same came to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light-the true Light. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begetten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of him; saying, "This is he of whom I spoke, He that cometh after me is preferred before me, for he was before me." John 1:15. "And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed (declared), I am not the Christ. Then they said unto him, Who art thou? He said I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord." Mat. 3:3; Mark 1:3; John 1:23. The next day John seeth Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29, 36. "And I knew him not, but he that sent me to baptize, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the spirit descending the same is he who baptizeth with the Holy Ghost, and I saw and bear record that this is the Son of God." John 1:2-34.

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilder-

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ness of Judea, saying, Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." Mat. 3:1, 2, 3, 5, 6.

John the Baptist baptized only those who confessed their sins. When many of the Pharisees and Sadduces came to his baptism, he said unto them, "O, generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth fruits meet for repentance; and think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father; for I say unto you God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." Mat. 3: 7, 8, 9.

You need not claim baptism because you are lineal descendants of Abraham. It was necessary to give evidence of repentance by confessing their sins. This excludes infants. It cannot be proven by the Bible that John the Baptist baptized infants.

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee and comest thou to me? Jesus said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. And Jesus, when he was baptized, came up (the bank of the river) straightway out of the water; and lo; the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Mat. 3:13-17.

Here was a simultaneous mani-(Continued on page 13)

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## Baptist Student Union

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Blue Mountain College

Spring brings flowers! This time it brought a host of flowers to the Blue Mountain College campus for the Junior G. A. House Party. Even with the frown of winter darkening springtime we had flowers that came up from Lucedale, twenty-five miles from the coast, and from all parts of the state.

As they arrived on the three o'clock train, there were B. M. C. girls to welcome them and B. M. C. girls looking out the windows of the Administration Building to greet them in spite of the teacher's scoldings.

We were delighted to have Miss Edwina Robinson, Miss Pearle Bourne, Miss Evie Landrum, Miss Nettie Ree Traylor, and all the G. A. sponsors on our campus during this time.

The theme of the House Party was "The Master's Flower Garden." Miss Edwina Robinson had charge of the programs. Miss Pearle Bourne was the main speaker of the House Party. Dr. L. T. Lowrey welcomed the "Flowers" at the first general assembly. "Why the Flowers came up" was beautifully explained by Jane Majure, a G. A. from Newton. The B. M. C. girls led the devotionals, which were in the form of flower stories, led the Good-night Circles, had charge of the music, and gave a social for their little sisters, Miss Miriam Daffin was the leader of Morning Watch. Several of the different G. A. organizations took part on the programs. Some very attractive and entertaining stunts were given by them also on Saturday afternoon. Miss Fannie Mae Izard (Blue Mountain College Y. W. A. President) presided at a party given for the little visitors after the stunts. The Queen's Banquet was followed by "Flowers of B. M. C." presented by the B. M. expression department. The climax of the House Party came with the crowning of the Queens Saturday night. On Sunday morning Miss Pearle Bourne, after having spoken on "Banquets from the Garden" and "Foreign Flowers" closed her series of talks with "The Garden of the World." Mrs. M. L. Berry brought the House Party to an end with her message on "The Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Val-

We were very sad to see our little (and big, too) guests leave, but we are looking forward to having them with us at another House Party.

B. M. C. Reporter.

#### -0-Hillman Y. W. A. Elects New President

The members of the Hillman Y. W. A. Council met Wednesday, March 28, for the purpose of electing a new president for the forthcoming year. Members of the Council are: President, Rowena Gunter, Sallis; Vice-President, Louise Mc-Mahon, Batesville; Secretary, Dixie Armes; Pleasant Grove; Treasurer,

The Junior G. A. House Party at Carolyn Tyrone, Prentiss; Devotional Chairman, Eva Ready, Hattiesburg; Personal Service Chairman, Ora May Salter, Hazlehurst; Social Chairman, Addie Mae Humphrey, Leland; Poster Chairman, Ella Frances Burnett, Clarksdale; Mission Study Chairman, Nell Davis, Lena; Program Chairman, Omega Nutt, Lena; Music Chairman, Mildred York, Pontotoc; Circle Leaders, Alice Tycer, Kentwood, May Beth Rush of Lake; and Reporter, Marguerite Sprouse, Mor-

> Miss Eva Ready of Hattiesburg was nominated for the new president and unanimously elected by the members of the Council. The meeting closed as Eva Ready led in a very inspiring prayer.

#### THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

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festation of the three persons of the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Father, who represents the law, audibly approving the baptism of the Son. After his temptation by Satan, Jesus departed into Gallilee; and leaving Nazareth he went to Capernaum. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." John 3:2. (Has come, is here, on earth).

The first two New Testament preachers, John the Baptist, Matt. 3:1, and Jesus, the Son of God, baptized by John the Baptist, Mat. 3:13-17, the God-sent man and first administrator of baptism, were Baptists, both of whom preached repentance-not penance-for (because) the "kingdom of heaven is at hand."

I understand by this that repentance is a necessary pre-requisite to baptism, as baptism precedes church membership.

What did they mean by "the kingdom of heaven?" What is necessary to constitute a kingdom? I answer, that the first necessity is territory, (location); the second is citizens, (subject); the third is a king; the fourth is law, for government of the people. All these were present in the formation of this "kingdom of heaven"; this heaven-like kingdom, Location, Judea; subject, the "people made ready and prepared for the Lord" by the preaching and administration of baptism by John the Baptist; the king, Jesus, the Son of God; law, instructions and commands of the King. Our Lord said, "My kingdom, (the "kingdom of heaven," then at hand) is not of this world." John 18:36. It was not composed of carnal-minded people. "Ye are not of this world, but I have chosen you out of the world." John 15:16, 19. "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; as written in the prophets, I send my messenger before thy face who should prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the

Lord; make his paths straight. John did baptize and preach repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out to him all the land of Judea and they of Jerusalem and were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins." and he preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. "I indeed have baptized you with, (or in) water; he shall baptize you with, (on in) the Holy Spirit." No human can baptize without water. Bible baptism is immersion; no one disputes this. All protestant pedo-Baptists receive immersed applicants for membership. "And it came to pass in those days that Jesus come from Nazareth of Gallilee and was baptized by John in Jordan, and straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit, like a dove descending upon him; and there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Mark 1:1-11. This confirms Mathew's statement almost verbatim. "After John was put in prison Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of heaven is at hand, repent ye and believe the gospel." Mark 1:14, 15.

Doctor Luke, the inspired writer of the gospel bearing his name, informs us that John (the Baptist) was sent to "make ready a people prepared for the Lord," Luke 1:17. We find that John, the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth, a man of miraculous birth, was "sent from God" as herald, or forerunner of Jesus, the Son of God, to proclaim his coming as the Light and Life of the world, and to call the people to repentance; they to give evidence of repentance by confessing their sins before he would baptize them. Mat. 3:7, 8, 9; Mark 1:3, 5; Luke 3: 7, 8; John 1:30-36.

"He, (John the Baptist) shall go before him (Jesus, the Son of God) in the spirit and power of Elijah, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:17. The people thus prepared by John the Baptist; confessing their sins and being baptized; symbolically buried in water, in token of their death to sin, and raised out of the water in emblem of a birth to a new life and in token of their belief in the

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future resurrection of the body, became the disciples of Jesus, to whom he said, "Ye are not of this world; I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." John 15:19. To whom he gave commandment that "Ye love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12-17. Repentant, baptized believers in Jesus, chosen and "called out" and separate from the world; the people "make ready and prepared for the Lord" by John the Baptist, constituted the "kingdom of heaven" which our Lord called "my kingdom" and "my church" then, in incipiency, necessarily one organization, one assembly, one-body-the body of Christ.

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